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TO Chief of Station, Germany
Att: LCRATA
FROM

DATE _____

SUBJECT { GENERAL - REINWOOD/ABCOB/CANTHAN
SPECIFIC - Child of ANCARING/3

Reference: DIR- 31043

1. This dispatch is intended as assistance to [] and [] in their handling of the legal problems of this case. Therefore, we will recite the factual situation as we know it here. To some extent this may duplicate earlier traffic but there should be no harm done.

2. On 8 July the Headquarters' case officers and [] met with [] and outlined the general problem. He contacted Lidacis by telephone and in consequence met with her and her husband for more than two hours in New York City on 9 July. The Desk and [] met with him again on 10 July; hence Reference and this dispatch.

3. [] told us he had indicated to the Lidacis' he was representing an undisclosed client and was also assisting [], whom he named. Apparently it was left rather vague as to whether [] was also representing the same undisclosed client or just precisely what his situation was. In any event, from this point forward [] in fact is assisting the Lidacis' and he may so assert. [] said that Mrs. Lidacis and her husband were completely satisfied on this point and they did not challenge him. He said also that he felt they liked him and trusted him and he also liked them. In this connection, as I am sure [] will remember, [] is a quiet, consistent person whose appearance and performance inspire trust and confidence. He also said he is confident the Lidacis' do not suspect he is representing GURKE, though he also found them to be savvy people. Further, he was quite impressed that they are devoted to our country.

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3. The Lidacis' were completely cooperative and were more than willing to work with [] Nevertheless they had authorized Mrs. Warner by letter to act for them in all matters concerning the child. Thereafter they consulted with one Jensen, a friend of Mr. Lidacis, who in turn recommended that they contact one Hedrite in Augsburg. Because of Mr. Lidacis' confidence in and friendship with Jensen and the latter's trust in Hedrite, they now have complete confidence in Hedrite and have authorized him to act in all matters for them pertaining to the child. Thus, they have two authorizations outstanding, both written, probably neither in exclusive terms. The authorization to Hedrite is subsequent to that to Mrs. Warner.

[] felt that some fight may develop on this point. It was the thought of all of us mentioned above that at this stage it would not be wise to attempt to deal both Mrs. Warner and Hedrite out, and in, but rather for the Lidacis' to proceed via Hedrite. [] as mentioned above, told them [] name and he doubtless will be contacted by Hedrite, or [] could initiate contact. Also, Mrs. Lidacis promised to write Hedrite immediately and get a run-down on developments and status and to advise [] They also promised to cease further negotiations with Mrs. Warner. On this point, it is our intention to ask them to write Mrs. Warner specifically revoking her authority, with a copy to Hedrite.

4. Mrs. Lidacis was quite emotional about her brother. She broke down three times during the two and a half hour conversation. She said it was not easy to find people who will undertake political action. She and her husband indicated they knew payments of \$150 per month are due the child. [] felt that Mrs. Warner is also aware of this, and possibly more, and possibly is attempting to use the situation for her financial benefit. The Lidacis' frequently referred to "COUNCIL officers."

5. The Lidacis' were most anxious to adopt the child and to do all they can for him. They assured [] they were able to care for him and they have sufficient room in their dwelling and the necessary means. They feel the child has had a rough life both by virtue of having lost his father and because his mother was an alcoholic too.

[]
Assistant General Counsel

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